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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.55, the applicant submits herewith a certified copy of the following foreign application:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-290016

Filed: September 25, 2000.

It is respectfully requested that the applicant be given the benefit of the foreign filing date as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119.

Respectfully submitted,
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